



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2018

<https://archive.org/details/partialhistoryof00robb>

GEN

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



3 1833 02346 735 7

Gc 929.2 G6233r

Robbins, Bert.

A partial history of the
Goodnight family in

A partial history
of
THE GOODNIGHT FAMILY IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Bert Robbins,
213 St.Louis Ave.,
Joplin, Mo.
February 1950

Allen County Public Library
900 Webster Street
PO Box 2270
Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270

The writer gratefully acknowledges the use of material from the carefully written pamphlet "The Good(k)night (Gutknecht) Family in America" by Dr. S. H. Goodnight, Dean Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin who kindly granted permission for use of historical facts regarding the early members of the family. Also to Mrs. Elsie Zimmerman of Washington, D.C., for results of her searches in the Archives revealing the pension record of Henry Goodnight and census records of a great number of members of the family. Also to Mrs. Berta Y. Olsen of Phoenix, Ariz., for her records assembled over a long period of years in the study of the history of the Goodnight family. The writer deeply appreciates the assistance of a great number of the members of the Goodnight family who so kindly have furnished data concerning their immediate relatives, taken from their family records.

It is our desire to continue to add to these pages, information as it can be accumulated, until each member of the descendants of the Pioneer John H. Goodnight has been mentioned, and his relationship established.

The history of the Goodnight family is a thoroughly creditable one of which its members may feel justly proud. Since before the French and Indian War its members have been pioneers in the development of this country, first in Virginia, then in North Carolina and later Kentucky where their blood shed, in defense of their homes and freedom helped to make it "the dark and bloody ground". Then on to Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and to the west coast, always pioneering, seeking new lands to colonize and new country to develop, until there is hardly a state or territory which does not claim some of them as its citizens. In most cases they have been essentially pioneers, factors in conquering the frontier wilderness, then moving on as the effects of civilization have been manifest. They have been farmers, stockmen, lawyers, business men, statesmen, teachers, and ministers, and within the knowledge of the writer no member of the family has ever been involved in a major crime. They have been sober, industrious citizens of a country they have been instrumental in wresting from the wilderness. With an abiding faith in the Almighty they have set a high pattern of moral and spiritual leadership which will continue to be reflected in the lives of countless men and women.

If we of the present generation can so live that we may exemplify the high standard of honesty, morality, and integrity, handed down to us through our fathers and mothers we shall do well.

It is with the thought, that this recorded history, placed before the younger generation of this splendid family will encourage them to emulate the simple virtues of their forefathers, that the writer has been prompted to collect and record this history, and without thought of remuneration other than the hope that it will be of interest to members of the family.

B.R.

Joplin, Missouri, 1950

THE GOODNIGHT FAMILY IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Introduction

In early October 1752 the ship Neptune, Captain John Mason, came into port at Philadelphia. It had sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, by way of Cowes, England, and aboard were nearly 200 German emigrants some with their families, from the Palatinate a section of Europe, later of Germany lying west of the Rhine River.

This province a rich and fertile section, had been mercilessly devastated by the wars of Louis XIV of France and its inhabitants who for nearly two centuries had been Protestants, followers of Calvinism, were placed under a ruler who was of the Catholic faith. The result was a general exodus of these Protestants and it is estimated that between 1710 and 1775 over 200,000 had emigrated to the colonies in America. The inducements of William Penn and his successors in Pennsylvania, who guaranteed religious freedom to all who would come to his colony brought many to the port of Philadelphia.

The influx of these emigrants was so great that the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, becoming uneasy at the number of refugees, ordered that each head of the family should sign an oath of allegiance to the colony. These lists have been preserved and have proved to be a reliable source of information to those seeking information regarding early emigrants to this country. Since women and children were not listed we have only the names of the heads of families.

In these lists we find that Christian Gutknecht came over in the ship Christian, Captain Thomas Brady, and signed the oath Wednesday, September 13, 1749. That Hans (John) Michael Gutknecht came in the ship Neptune mentioned above and signed the oath October 4, 1752 and that the ship Recovery, Captain Amos Jones, and, as in both the above cases, "from Rotterdam late from Cowes" brought "Gerick" (George) Goodnight who signed the oaths October 23, 1754.

We are reasonably sure that these three men were brothers, in fact have positive evidence that the last two were such.

Christian settled in the neighborhood of Germantown, Penn. and we hear of his sons serving in the Revolutionary War and of his descendants still living in the vicinity of Philadelphia. Since he settled in a German Community he continued the German spelling of the name "Gutknecht", while the other brothers moving to English communities soon changed to the English spelling of Goodnight or Goodknight.

John Michael Goodnight was the ancestor of John H. Goodnight, who with his family moved from Union County, Illinois, to the Stewart's Creek vicinity of what is Christian County, Missouri, about 1838, then to the Stone's Prairie community in Barry County, Missouri, in 1855. It is the history of this branch of the family which we are attempting to record.

We are not sure as to the number of children John Michael brought with him from his native land. We know of one, Christian (not to be confused with the brother Christian who settled near Philadelphia) who was born in 1747 so was about five years old when he came to America. There were undoubtedly others, but we have no way of knowing.

After landing Michael evidently struck out from Philadelphia toward the frontier to the west. We hear of him listed as a taxpayer in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1755. Later his wife who had come over with him from Germany died and on Feb. 19, 1762, he married Mary Landers. We do not know just how many children there were by his first marriage. We are sure of two, Christian, born in 1747 and Henry born in 1757. Others reportedly are, Christopher who married Diana Watson, Samuel, Mary or Polly, Susan, Edward, Enoch and George.

We next hear of Michael in Mecklenburg County (now Cabarrus) North Carolina where he bought a farm from James McClean May 1, 1764. His brother George lived near him in Mecklenburg County, where he was appointed assessor in 1778. Michael was appointed constable for one of the districts of Mecklenburg County in 1775. He sold his farm May 20, 1776, to John Pfifer. George sold his farm Aug. 14, 1779, to Leonard Barbrick.

Probably in the summer of 1778 or 1779 the brothers moved to Kentucky. George settled at Ruddell's Station about thirty miles northeast of the present City of Lexington, and Michael settled at Harlan's Station thirty-five miles southwest of Lexington in what is now Boyle County.

The Goodnight brothers migrated to Kentucky at a time when Indians supported by arms and English soldiers from Canada were waging a war with the white settlers, so severe and sanguinary that it gave the merited name of "the dark and bloody Ground". Settlers lived in forts and tended their farms outside the stockade which afforded some protection from the attacks of the Indians.

In June of 1780 the garrison at Ruddell's Station in which George Goodnight and his family lived was attacked by about 500 Canadians and Indians under Captain Bird. As the attackers had a cannon, the settlers knowing that resistance was useless offered to surrender if their lives would be spared. After the settlers had given up their arms, Captain Bird was unable to restrain the natives who fell upon the settlers and many were killed and their families carried away as captives to Detroit. George Goodnight was among those slain and probably one of his sons, Henry. Other sons, David, John, Michael and Peter and their sisters were carried away. They, however, lived to return after a time and became settlers of that part of Kentucky.

In the meantime, Michael with his family consisting of his wife, Mary Landers, and children, Margaret, Elizabeth, John, Jacob, Abraham, Rachel and Sarah had settled at or near Harlan's Station. Michael's sons by his first wife, Christian and Henry, had stayed in North Carolina when their father moved to Kentucky. Henry had enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1776 and served till sometime in 1778 and was probably in the army when his father moved. Michael's family was fortunate in escaping the Indian attacks, so frequent in the locality, but tragedy overtook them later. In the spring of 1779 Michael preempted 400 acres of land by actual settlement, lying at Doctor's Fork of Chaplin's Fork of Salt River, in what is now Boyle County Kentucky. In the spring of 1781 Michael with his son John set out on horseback for North Carolina to bring some household effects which had been left behind. There were no wagon roads so pack horses were taken to carry the goods. The first night out the father and son made camp and placing a bell on one of the horses, turned them out for the night.

During the night the Indians attacked the two and Michael was killed and scalped. John was shot through with an arrow, but in that condition made his way to the horses, stopped the bell and the next day made his way back to the settlements. He recovered from the wound, lived to a ripe old age. Michael was buried where he fell.

Michael had been thrifty and left an estate consisting of 400 acres of land, 14 horses, 22 head of cattle, 9 "hogs and piggs" and implements and household furniture. He is described as being energetic, industrious, economical and prosperous, with the greatest contempt for a shiftless person. Of his children by Mary Landers, Margaret married Henry Pope, Elizabeth married Patrick Doran, John married Ruth Davis, Jacob married Elizabeth Hoover, Abraham married Mary Hanna, Rachel married Jacob Young, Sarah married Peter Boucher, and Isaac the youngest who was born after his father's death married Elizabeth McMurray.

Henry, son of Michael Goodnight and his first wife, was born in 1757, probably in Bedford or Rockbridge County, Virginia. He was only five years of age when his father married Mary Landers and we do not know the date of his mother's death. He migrated to North Carolina with his father and his brother Christian. His wife was named Elizabeth, but we do not know her maiden name. In 1776 he enlisted in the North Carolina State Militia Cavalry under Captain Pfifer. He served two years returning home in 1778. His application for pension states that he marched from North Carolina to Baltimore then back to Georgia. He was probably in the army or had lately returned when his father, Michael, migrated from North Carolina to Kentucky, and he remained in North Carolina (Mecklenburg County) with his brother Christian.

After Michael's death in 1781, his widow continued to live on his place later marrying a man named Flannagan. Upon her death in 1794 or 1795, Michael's estate was divided among his sons, Henry received 147 acres. It must have been about this time that Henry moved from North Carolina to this land and the tax rolls of Mercer County, Kentucky, show him as a taxpayer in 1794, 95 and 96 but not thereafter. We may presume that he migrated about this time to the Duck River Country in Giles County, Tennessee.

His name appears in the census record of Giles County, in 1820 and on May 25, 1827, he makes application for a pension as a Revolutionary soldier. In his application he states that he is a cultivator of the soil, and that he with his wife Elizabeth, some three years his senior, live with his son David aged 24. He was finally granted a pension of \$8.00 per month on May 6, 1832. On the census list of 1840 he is listed as living with his son, David, and at that time was blind. Since we have no further record we assume that he died soon after.

Since Henry Goodnight served in the Revolutionary War as a soldier in the Colonial army his descendants are eligible for membership in such patriotic organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames and others. Also the fact that Michael served in public office before the end of the Revolution makes his descendants eligible for the same membership.

Henry Goodnight left two sons: David with whom he made his home the latter part of his life, and John H. Born about 1778 in North Carolina. There was probably a daughter who married Hizer

Jones. We do not know at this time of other children though there may have been others.

Pension Record of Henry Goodnight

W.D.Rev.Claim - 10 May, 1832

1. Henry Goodnight, private in Army of Rev. of North Carolina inscribed on Pension List Roll of West Tennessee Agency at rate of \$8.00 per month to commence 6 May 1832.
2. Giles County Tennessee 2 December 1829.
Testimony of one person who had known Henry Goodnight for 60 years says he mustered in same company with him under Capt. Pfifer of Mecklenburg County of state North Carolina in Revolutionary War and knew when he returned.
3. Pulaski County, Tennessee
17 April 1832 Will C. Flournay appeals again to President Polk (?) for pension for Henry Goodnight who was in the service of the United States for about two years.
(Writers note: James K. Polk served in Congress from Tenn. for 14 years, 1825-1839. This appeal was probably made to him as congressman in 1832)
4. On 25th day of May 1827 Henry Goodnight appeared before court of appeals asking for pension- stated he was 68 and in the 69th year of his life - stated he enlisted in North Carolina in Company commanded by Capt. Maclin Pfifer for a period of 2 years and said company marched from North Carolina to Baltimore in Maryland and returned from Baltimore to Georgia, etc. - - -
Cultivator of the soil - his wife Elizabeth 72 years old unable to contribute to his support - - - he and his wife live with son David aged 24.
5. West Tennessee
Henry Goodnight.
Of Giles County in the State of Tennessee, who was a private in the Company commanded by Capt. Pfifer of the regiment commanded by Colonel in North Carolina for the term of two years from 1776 to 1778.
Inscribed on the roll of West Tennessee at the rate of eight dollars per month to commence on the sixth day of May 1832.
Certificate of Pension issued the 10 of May 1832 and sent to the Hon. J. K. Polk.
6. Arrears to 4th of September 1832 \$31.76.
Rev. Claim Acts March 18, 1818 and May 1, 1820.

Recorded Book D
Vol 9 page 169
B. D. Beale

Pension Record of Henry Goodnight (Con't.)

State of North Carolina
Secretary of States Office
30th March 1829.

Sir-

I have carefully searched for, but find nothing of the name of Henry Goodnight, or Henry Good Knight, on the warrant book, or muster rolls of this office. There are no rolls of the Lighthouse companies raised by this state in the revolutionary war, deposited in this office.

Very respectfully
Your obt.servt,
W. Hill

J. L. Edwards, Esq.
Chief Clerk Pension Office.
U. States.

(Writers note: Henry Goodnight served in one of the
Lighthouse volunteer companies, hence the foregoing)

Writer's note: According to Col. John H. Wheeler's "History of North Carolina" page 80, on April 22, 1776, Martin Pfifer was appointed Captain of the Second Company of Light Horse; James Sumner, Lieut. and Valentine Beard, Cornet.

These among other appointments were made by the Provincial Congress of North Carolina, which met at Halifax April 4, 1776. Representatives from Mecklenburg County in this Congress were John Pfifer, Robert Irwin and John McKnitt Alexander.

The name Maclin Piifer in the pension record was evidently Martin, erroneously transcribed.

JOHN H. GOODNIGHT

John H. Goodnight was apparently the oldest son of Henry the Revolutionary Soldier. He was born in North Carolina, Mecklenburg County. The date of his birth as given on his gravestone in the Goodnight cemetery was June 10, 1774. The census record of 1850 from Green County, Missouri, says that he was 72 years old at that time. This places his birth date as of 1778 which we believe is more nearly correct. The best available records place his father Henry's birthdate as of the year 1757 or 1758, which would make him 20 or 21 years old when his son John H. was born.

He married Mary Margaret Condar or Condor. We do not at this time know the date, nor do we know whether he emigrated to Kentucky when his father, Henry, came to claim his part of his father Michael's estate, in 1794. The next we find him listed in the census of Giles County, Tennessee, 1820. This list says at that time there were in the family two males and two females under ten years of age and one male and two females between ten and sixteen years of age, and one male and one female between twenty-six and forty-five.

We do not find any record of John H. in the Giles County census list of 1830, but we know that his youngest son George Martin was born there in 1828. Some time after that date he moved to Union County, Illinois, and about 1840 to the Stewart's Creek community in what is now Christian County, Missouri. At that time Christian County was included in Green County and in the census of 1850 we find the family listed in Greene County. In this record John H. whose wife had died, was listed with the family of George Martin, his youngest son.

In 1855 the three sons of John H. came to Stones Prairie in Barry County, about five miles south of what is now Monett. The sons John Jr., Henry Weakley and George Martin all found homesteads in the immediate neighborhood. It is likely that Rachel, one of the daughters who married Kieth Hawkins, also came to the community about the same time. John continued to make his home with his youngest son, George Martin. He died October 27, 1859. Upon his death George Martin set aside a plot of ground for a graveyard and his father was the first to be buried there. This has come to be the final resting place of a great many of the family and is known as the Goodnight Cemetery. It is located about one-fourth mile east of State Highway Route 37, and about five miles south of Monett.

Our records of the children of John H. Goodnight are not complete, but we know of nine. There may have been another and it is the ambition of the writer to complete the record of this family. Should any reader be able to furnish more of this history we shall be grateful for their assistance. The children as we have been able to list are as follows with such facts as we have regarding each.

1. Elijah, probably the oldest, is listed in the census record of Giles County, Tennessee, 1840, as with his wife being between 40 and 50 years of age, and one male child under five, one between twenty and thirty and one female between five and ten. This would place his birth in 1800 or before. My mother, a niece of Elijah once told me that he moved to Iowa, and that he had one daughter named Samantha who married a man named

Anderson, in that state. I have not been able to get any further information as to him.

2. Green Goodnight who died as a young man in Giles County, Tennessee.

3. Betsey, who my mother said went back to Giles County from Union County, Illinois, and married a man named Tinnen. She died in Giles County.

4. Rachel Goodnight was born in Giles County, Tennessee, Jan. 26, 1811. She married Kieth Hawkins, a house carpenter and preacher. They must have been married and lived for some time in Union County, Illinois, since the census of Barry County, 1860, states that their third child, Mary Jane, was born in Illinois. On her gravestone it is stated that she was born Aug. 24, 1840, and there were two children older than she. They lived awhile on Stewart's Creek then moved to Barry County probably with her father and brothers. They later moved to a farm near what is now Wishart in Polk County, Missouri.

To them were born the following children; John born _____ who served as a Union soldier in the Civil War. ~~Never married.~~ Died _____; Nancy Rachel, born _____ married Jackson Daniels Jan. 16, 1853 by a Justice of the Peace in the Stewart's Creek community. They later moved to Alma (Alma) Arkansas where Jackson worked for a time on the railroad. They had four children, one of whom (Lary) died Nov. 9, 1881. Nancy Rachel died at Alma, April 11, 1882. Rachel and Kieth Hawkins' third child was Mary Jane born Apr. 24, 1840 in Illinois. She married Rube Lawson who lived but a short time, and Mary Jane made her home with her mother until her death in 1896, then with her brother. She died Aug. 11, 1899. The fourth child was Margaret or Peggy, born _____ 1842. She married Thomas Ince _____ with whom she moved to Louisiana, Missouri. To them were born Malissa, William, Luney and perhaps others. She died _____. The fifth child was Amanda M., born _____ 1845. She married William Ince. Later she married her brother-in-law Jackson Daniels at Arcola, Dade County, Missouri, on Jan. 24, 1886.

Henry Harmon was the youngest son of Rachel and Kieth Hawkins, born Feb. 18, 1847, in Christian County (then Greene County). He was twice married, first to Lucinda Sawyers in 1873 who died a few years later. Children by this marriage were Thomas Asbury born Mar. 30, 1877, who married Martha Harrison, born May 3, 1877. They now live on a farm near Wishart, Mo. An older son Marion L. born Jan. 7, 1875, died Feb. 16, 1889. After the death of Lucinda, Henry Harmon married Elizabeth Hook. To this union ten children were born.

1. Wilma who married Earl Foster lives at Redfield, Kans.
2. May who married Clarence Foster address Bolivar, Mo.
3. Ada married _____ Miller address 1312 Lafayette St., Waterloo, Iowa.
4. Ola Hawkins married Juel Harrison May 5, 1911. He was born Oct. 2, 1893, she Nov. 1, 1885. Ola is a prosperous farmer four miles south of Eve, Mo., in Vernon County address Deerfield, Mo. They have one daughter Alma Berniece born Oct. 1912, who married Gene Dorsey. Their daughter Shirley Dorsey died of polio in the summer of 1949.

5. Athel, married ALVA Oglesby lived near Bolivar. She died JULY 10, 1945.
6. Ethel married EARL McGinnis. She is a twin sister of Athel and now lives near Bolivar, Mo.
7. Len Hawkins, deceased
8. Harry, lives in Nevada, Mo. is Unmarried.
9. Keith, Jr., died in infancy.
10. Willis, ~~also died in infancy~~. LIVES AT WISHART, MO

Henry Harmon Hawkins lived a long and useful life. He was a good Christian man beloved by his acquaintances. He died May 23, 1929, and is buried in Enon Cemetery near Wishart, Polk County, Mo.

Rachel Hawkins died Sept. 29, 1896, and was buried in Enon Cemetery two miles north east of Wishart. I understand that her husband, Kieth, was buried on Stewart's Creek but I do not know. A search there a short time ago by the writer failed to find his grave. A more complete history of the Hawkins family is being compiled by the writer, and will be added to these pages at a later date.

5. John Goodnight, Jr. (the writer's grandfather) was born Sept. 15, 1815, in Giles County, Tennessee. While a young man he moved with his father to Union County, Illinois (probably about 1830). About 1840 the family moved to Stewart's Creek in Greene (now Christian) County and on Nov. 9, 1842, he married Mary Ann Stockton. According to the license record at Springfield, Missouri, they were married by John T. Boals, a Justice of the Peace. Mary Ann was born June 9, 1825 in Overton County, Tenn. Their Children are:

1. George Martin, Jr., born Sept. 1, 1845, married Elizabeth McCoy July 5, 1864, died Mar. 10, 1904. Buried in Goodnight Cemetery.
2. Francis Marion, born Aug. 14, 1847, married Sarah E. Hagler, Feb. 16, 1873, died Jan. 19, 1890, buried in Goodnight Cemetery.
3. Sarah Jane, born Nov. 19, 1849, married Rev. John Alexander Sartin, a Methodist minister, July 18, 1869. Died Apr. 23, 1930, buried in the Cole Camp, Missouri, Cemetery.
4. John J. born Sept. 6, 1851, died Oct. 18, 1855.
5. William Henry, born Jan. 24, 1854, married Celestia Baylor, Oct. 15, 1876. Now living at 5870 Denver Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Mary Elizabeth, born Sept. 27, 1856, never married, died Apr. 3, 1934. Buried in Goodnight Cemetery.
7. Samantha Ann, born Mar. 27, 1859, married Loring Clark Robbins, Nov. 14, 1881, died Dec. 7, 1946, in Los Angeles, Calif. Buried in Goodnight Cemetery.
8. Dicey I., born Jan. 7, 1863, married Francis Marion Stinnett Oct. 23, 1884, died Dec. 8, 1885, buried in Goodnight Cemetery.
9. Eliza Ellen, born Sept. 1, 1865, married Henry Hamilton Garey Oct. 4, 1885. Died June 5, 1942, buried in Johnson City Cemetery, St. Clair County, Missouri.
10. Pleasant Sheridan, born Apr. 6, 1868, married Tennessee Alice Thomas, Oct. 17, 1889, died May 14, 1941.

A more complete history of the family of John Goodnight will be given further on.

6. Nancy Goodnight, born 1818 in Giles County, Tenn., married Richard Williams in May, 1837, in Union County, Illinois. Later moved with her husband and father's family to Stewart's Creek, Christian County (then Greene County), then to Worth County, near the town of Denver, Missouri. Their children:

1. Eli, born Feb. 10, 1838, in Illinois, married Mary Elizabeth Lewis, who was born Dec. 2, 1837, in Kentucky.
2. Mary Ann, born Mar. 22, 1845, in Greene County, Mo. First married Daniel Johnson Oct. 16, 1858, who did not return from the Civil War. Her second husband was James Henderson Harding whom she married July 22, 1866. She died July 29, 1939, and is buried in the Grant City, Missouri, Cemetery.
3. Theodore, born in 1848 in Iowa, married Louisa Steel May 27, 1867, in Worth County, died _____.

~~1-9-1855~~ 4. Jacob, born in 1855 in Iowa, married Mary Ellen Allen ~~3-18-1880~~ died ~~7-28-1903~~ and is buried in the Isabelle Baptist Church Cemetery, Worth County.

5. Miranda, died when a small child.

The writer is indebted to a grand daughter of Mary Ann Harding for much information regarding the Goodnight family. She is Mrs. Elsie Zimmerman, 1915 16th St., N.W. Apt. 4, Washington 9, D.C.

7. Susie, daughter of John H. and Mary Margaret (Condor) Goodnight, was born in Giles County, Tennessee. We have not been able to find the date of her birth or death. She married Joseph Johns. They came to Greene (now Christian) County presumably about 1840 with the family of John H., her father. A marriage record at Cassville, Barry County, states that Joseph Johns married Abigail Patrick (widow of John Patrick) on April 4, 1844, we know that Susie died before that date. The children of Joe Johns and Susie Goodnight were:

1. William (Billy), born ~~FEB 18, 1826~~, married Rachel (CATHERINE) Braden Nov. 29, 1849. They were the parents of 1. Martha, who married Chris Miller; 2. Nathaniel; 3. Mary, who married Louis Swearingen May 16, 1880; 4. Robert; 5. Houston; 6. Joseph, Jr., born Sept. 28, 1870, married (1) Ida Nelson (2) Martha Ellison. Died Aug. 5, 1949. 7. Isabel, born Oct. 19, 1874, married (1) _____ Johnson, (2) John Barber. She lives at Aurora, Mo. and is the mother of Lloyd Barber.

2. John Johns, born ~~Aug 1 1833~~ ^{d. OCT. 13, 1900}, married Patsey T. Martin, Apr. 2, 1855. Their children are 1. Isaac; 2. William; 3. George; 4. Fine; 5. Tom; 6. John "Salt"; 7. Boone; 8. Ethel, married Charley Hull; and 9. Susie; and 10. Elsie. Tom lives at Bruner, Mo., and "Salt" at Sparta.

3. Thursey born _____ married James Murphy, a crippled man who taught school for a number of years at the old Henderson school house on Stone's Prairie near the Goodnight Cemetery. He later moved to Arkansas and practiced law, but I do not know just where this was.

4. Margaret Ann, born _____, married John Ince, Aug. 15, 1847. They moved to Texas (Derdon, Hill County) before the Civil War. They had a daughter Amanda and other children. John Ince was the son of William and Sally Ince. Sally was sister of the writer's grandmother, Mary Ann Stockton.

6/23/53
B.O.

8. Henry Weakley was next to youngest son of John H. and Mary Margaret. He was born in Giles County, Tenn., Feb. 6, 1825. Married Eliza Ann Patrick, born Nov. 5, 1831, in Indiana. Their children:

1. Matthew Cole, born Oct. 5, 1855, in Webster County. Married Arminda Owens Jan. 9, 1880. Their Children, 1. Ona Nell, married Rousseau Daily in Madison County, Ark.; 2. Ada Idell, married William Lindsey Guinn; 3. Stella May, married William Gray; 4. Morris Eddie; 5. Mary Annie married Edward Butts; 6. Euna Bell married Matthew Severe Hunt. Matthew Cole died Apr. 20, 1929.

2. Sarah Isabel, born Oct. 31, 1857, married Robert Winfield Patton. Children, 1. Elmer; 2. Mintie. Sarah Isabel died Nov. 9, 1887.

3. Jonathan David, born Jan. 9, 1860, married Mattie Todd Aug. 3, 1884, Their children; 1. Rena D.; 2. Lera M. married George Pennell; 3. Clarence E.; 4. Earl, married Martha McKinney; 5. Libbie, married Ira Jackson; 6. Maloy, married Goldie B. Allman; 7. Icy married Claude Beymer; 8. Quincy C. married Luella Allman; 9. Vernon, married Ruth Noyer; 10. Thora V. Nadeen, married Chester Jeffers. Jonathan died Dec. 19, 1922.

4. Mack Donald, born Sept. 10, 1862, married Minerva Ann Butler Dec. 25, 1888. Died Mar. 30, 1949. Their Children; 1. Homer Ethner married Mary Elizabeth Jerls; 2. Elba, died young; 3. Henry Floyd married Alpha England; 4. Annie married Earl Patton; 5. Lowell Cecil married Cornelia Spencer; 6. Viola, died young; 7. Nellie Noveta, married Harry Amos Heisten

5. Thursey Louraine, born Jan. 23, 1864, married Riley Sampson Doss July 16, 1882. Died Mar. 24, 1940. Their children; 1. Mamie Pearl, married Cobb; 2. Lela Emily married Willis James Rider; 3. Henry Early married lives at Amity, Ark; 4. Rosa Myrtle married Harry W. Forman; 5. Roy S. Doss; 6. Lady Bug died young; 7. Archie S. Lives at Espanola, New Mex.

6. Mary Ellen, born Apr. 10, 1866, in Barry County, Missouri, married Edward Porter Butler Feb. 10, 1895, now lives at Agra, Okla. Their children; 1. Franklin married Edna Kitching; 2. Edith Arabel married William Earl McElfresh.

7. Morris Franklin, born Apr. 23, 1868, married Jennie Marvin Arney Mar. 16, 1890, died Nov. 25, 1949, buried at Ninnekah, Okla. Their children; 1. Ora Oliver Goodnight, married Annie Hill; 2. Eva May married Ed Hitchcock; 3. Leonard died Feb. __, 1895; 4. Lillie Bell married Tudor Gridley; 5. Winfred died Aug. __, 1901; 6. Raymond Gale married Ida Hill 7. Arlis, died Oct. 1905. 8. Terrie died Oct. 4, 1906; 9. Jewel, married Iva Anthony; 10. Viola married Dewey R. Boswell; 11. Rudolph married Ruby King.

8. Martha C. ; born June 8, 1870; married William A. Sumners, in 1885. William A. died Nov. 25, 1938. Martha lives at 1427 Texas Ave., Chickasha, Okla. Their Children 1. Lallia Floried, married John William Foraker; 2. Robert Elzy, married Eliza Isabel Swarts; 3. Delida, first married Harvey Smith Hufford who died Jan. 30, 1930, second marriage to Bert Nichols;

4. Alma, married George P. Hart; 5. Jewel Sumners (son) living at 452 Jasmine, Laguna Beach, Calif.; 6. H. A. who lives at 2333 Bush St., Santa Ana, Calif.; 7. Lottie who married _____ Stone; 8. May who married _____ Wooldridge; 9. Georgia, married _____ Madison, now deceased; 10. Gracie who died unmarried.

9. Cynthia Arabel, born Sept. 23, 1872, married Joseph Martin Qualls Mar. 30, 1890. Cynthia Arabel died Aug. 28, 1942, Joseph died Sept. 27, 1928. Their children; 1. Mildred married Charles Cole; 2. Lawrence Leroy, first married to Helen Stewart who died about 1926, second to Hester Briggs; 3. Murrell Vesta married Orion A. Viles; 4. Waymouth Harlan married Lena L. Privitt; 5. Margaret Louise married Sydney A. Williams; 6. Atha Bonita married Russell Spotswood; 7. Frances Alzada, unmarried, lives at 10 E. 34th St., Kansas City, Mo.

10. Lelia Leota, born Oct. 27, 1875, first married James Madison Butler who died July 11, 1935, at Chino, Calif. Second marriage to a Mr. Camp who died about Feb. 1949. Lelia was married to James Butler Feb. 10, 1895. They had 12 children; 1. Gladys Theral, married George Colman Pannell; 2. Albia Denia married Alva Peter Selman; 3. Estie Pearl married William Joseph Foulks; 4. George Thomas married Rosa Lee Hood; 5. Lola Muriel married Ernest Oldham; 6. Audry Emily married Leonard Rodney Smith; 7. Gustie Ellen married Roy James McConnell; 8. James Estel married Edna Louise Ingersole; 9. Lelia May married Robert Guy Young; 10. Telia Fay, a twin sister of Lelia May, married Verle Donald Crouch; 11. Edna Reva married Clarence Roy Chaney; 12. Birdie Ivalee married Orval Lee Carpenter.

The writer is compiling a more complete history of the descendants of Henry Weakley Goodnight. The most of these descendants have very kindly furnished the information for this history, however, some is still lacking. We hope that we may be able to get all this information so that we may write up a complete record of this fine family. If you have not sent this information, will you please send it in at once. To those who have already sent in this information the writer wishes to express his appreciation. We do not desire to leave out any one and sincerely hope that each one will furnish the information regarding his branch of the family.

9. George Martin Goodnight, Sr., the youngest child of John H. Goodnight was born in Giles County, Tennessee, Mar. 17, 1828. When quite young he moved with his father's family to Illinois. About 1841 or 1842 he moved with his parents to the Stewart's Creek community in what was then Greene (now Christian) County. On _____ he married Elizabeth Ann Betterton, and in 1855 moved to the Stone's Prairie community about five miles south of what is now Monett, Barry County. His mother having died, his father made his home with him until his (father's) death Oct. 27, 1859, at which time George Martin set aside about one acre of land for a cemetery and his father was the first to be buried in the plot, the Goodnight Cemetery.

George Martin, Sr., died March 28, 1896, and his widow who was born Feb. 7, 1831, died Jan. 25, 1912. Both are buried in the Goodnight Cemetery. Their children:

1. Mary Ann born Dec. 11, 1852, married John W. Lee, Mar. 9, 1870. She died Dec. 27, 1926. John W. Lee was born Apr. 27, 1847, and died Nov. 18, 1907. Both are buried in the Goodnight Cemetery.

2. Martha, born Jan. 3, 1854, married William Stringer Oct. 7, 1897, died May 16, 1921.

3. George Washington, born Apr. 17, 1855, married Adelia Marbut Feb. 27, 1881. He died June 25, 1937. Adelia was born July 27, 1861, and died Oct. 18, 1937. Both are buried in the Goodnight Cemetery.

4. Sarah E. born Mar. 14, 1858. *M. HARRY M. SEXTON 6/11/90. D. 6/29/3*

5. John F. born Sept. 23, 1860. *APR 19, 1863*

6. Arbizenia Lucinda born Mar. 23, 1863, married William Stringer June 24, 1888. Died Sept. 13, 1892. After her death William Stringer married Martha.

7. Rachel G. born Aug. 31, 1865, married Thomas H. Robberson Dec. 20, 1885. Died Sept. 10, 1891.

8. Samantha Elvira, born Sept. 14, 1867, married William Henry Wormington Aug. 8, 1886. She died _____, 1922. William H. died OCT 22, 1933. He was born _____ 1866. They had no children.

9. Eliza Elizabeth, born Jan. 27, 1870, *July 31, 1874* married ~~Harry M. Sexton~~ *John 9, 1872* June 11, 1890. ~~Died June 29, 1933.~~

10. William Francis born ~~Aug. 21, 1874~~ married Mollie Robberson Sept. 20, 1896. Now living at Monett, Mo.

11. Cora Bell, born Aug. 21, 1874, died unmarried Nov. 15, 1927.

12. Lindley Clarence (Jarvy) born Jan. 18, 1879, married Minnie Robinson Sept. 7, 1911, died Feb. 12, 1947.

The writer is anxious to get information as to all the descendants of George Martin Goodnight. Some of this have been received and we hope with the cooperation of the family to have a complete history of this splendid family. Blanks are being sent out for filling in this information and it is hoped to complete this family history shortly.

HECKMAN
BINDERY INC.



AUG 94

Bound-To-Please® N. MANCHESTER,
INDIANA 46962

